

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 173
By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to recognize Patricia A. Hall on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Patricia A. "Patti" Hall is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty-five years as a counselor and has made valuable contributions to the fields of substance abuse treatment and mental health; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of her community and her profession, Mrs. Hall is well known and respected throughout Tennessee by all in the substance abuse treatment field; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hall earned a Master of Arts degree in Rehabilitation and Counseling from the University of South Florida and was a member of the prestigious Phi Kappa Honorary Society; and

WHEREAS, she worked for several years in Clearwater, Florida, before moving to Knoxville in 1978 and founding the Detoxification Rehabilitation Institute (DRI); she developed the agency and its substance abuse treatment program; and

WHEREAS, despite serving as the Executive Director for the agency, Mrs. Hall worked every facet of the business, including the development of community resources and funding sources, budget development, public relations, expansion designs, and fundraising in conjunction with the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, when DRI merged with the Helen Ross McNabb Center, she became Vice President of Compliance/Community Relations; she brought to that position a well-

deserved reputation for hard work and dedication which has been borne out by her years of meritorious service to the Center; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hall's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored value of hard work, an astute understanding of others, and the ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, after twenty-five years of dedication to the arena of substance abuse treatment, Mrs. Hall will be taking a much deserved retirement on June 30, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Patti Hall, always active in many facets of her profession, has participated in numerous worthy organizations, serving on the Board of Licensing for Healthcare Facilities, the Metro Drug Commission Board of Directors, and with the Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations. She is also a member and former President of the Tennessee Alcohol and Drug Association; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hall also contributes her time and numerous talents to the Boards of Directors for Project Change and the Race Relations Center, as well as to the Knoxville Association of Women Executives and the Downtown Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Leadership Knoxville Class of 1994, Patti Hall has received many notable awards, such as the Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations' Distinguished Service Award, the Tennessee Department of Health's Summit Award, and Lifetime Achievement Awards from both the East Tennessee Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors and the Tennessee Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors; and

WHEREAS, her professional accomplishments aside, Mrs. Hall is devoted to maintaining the highest ideals of family and community, and she is most grateful for the connection she shares with her loving family; and

WHEREAS, she enjoys the loving companionship of her husband, Jim, and is the proud mother of Steve, Stuart, Chris and Leslie, and grandmother of three beloved grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hall, an extremely giving person who reaches out with compassion to people who life has treated unkindly, exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Mrs. Hall has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Patti Hall, a professional of the utmost dedication, compassion, and integrity, our heartfelt thanks for her exemplary service to the good people of Knoxville and Tennessee and her unwavering resolve in the field of substance abuse treatment, our congratulations on the occasion of her retirement, and our best wishes for her every future happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.